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III. Remarks

Claims 1-29 are pending in the application. Claims 9 and 15 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 10-14 has been amended. Claim 30 have been newly added.

Allowable Subject Matter

The undersigned acknowledges the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 9-15 (if rewritten in independent form) and 16-29.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 9. More specifically, claim 1 now includes the limitation that a wall is disposed in the auxiliary passage. With regard to the amendments to claims 10-14, these amendments were made to correct their dependency, which changed due to the amendment to claim 1 and cancellation of claim 9.

With respect to claim 15, the limitations of claim 15 and claim 1 have been combined and are now included in new claim 30. More specifically, the limitation that auxiliary flow passage further includes a wedge-shaped rear wall has been added to the limitations found in original claim 1.

Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1-8 and 10-14, as amended, and new claim 30, since they now include limitations or depend from claims that include limitations that the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

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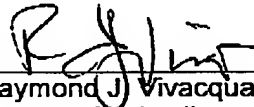
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SUMMARY

Pending Claims 1-8, 10-14 and 16-29 are patentable. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner grant early allowance of these claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorneys for the Applicants via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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